

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITYInternational application No.  
PCT/BE2004/000066

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:  
☐ a sequence listing  
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:  
☐ in written format  
☐ in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:  
☐ contained in the international application as filed.  
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. II Priority**

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1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

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| Novelty (N)                   | Yes: Claims | 2,7        |
|                               | No: Claims  | 1,3-6,8-10 |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Yes: Claims | 7          |
|                               | No: Claims  | 1-6,8-10   |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-10       |
|                               | No: Claims  |            |

2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

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**Box No. VI Certain documents cited**

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1. Certain published documents (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 70.9)

**see form 210**

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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

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**Re Item V.**

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1 : JP 08 226045 A (NIPPON WAIDO CLOTH KK; FUJII HISATOMI), 3

September 1996 (1996-09-03)

D2: US-A-2 627 644 (B.H. FOSTER) 10 February 1953 (1953-02-10)

- 1.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.  
Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document): a cloth designed to be provided with at least one permanent fold, whereby at least one shrink thread (4,5) is woven in the cloth, whereby the shrink threads (4,5) are woven in the cloth according to a general direction extending crosswise over the folding zone (cf. claim 1).
- 1.2 Also D2 discloses all the technical features of claim 1.
- 2.1 Dependent claims 2-6, 8-10 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT) : see D1.
- 3.1 The combination of the features of dependent claim 7 is neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art.